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(iii) A statement that the denial may be appealed to the Assistant Secretary—Policy, Budget and Administration and a description of the procedures in § 2.18 for appeal.

(b) *Discretionary waivers.* Fees otherwise chargeable may be waived at the discretion of a bureau if a request involves:

(1) Furnishing unauthenticated copies of documents reproduced for gratuitous distribution;

(2) Furnishing one copy of a personal document (e.g., a birth certificate) to a person who has been required to furnish it for retention by the Department;

(3) Furnishing one copy of the transcript of a hearing before a hearing officer in a grievance or similar proceeding to the employee for whom the hearing was held.

(4) Furnishing records to donors with respect to their gifts;

(5) Furnishing records to individuals or private non-profit organizations having an official voluntary or cooperative relationship with the Department to assist the individual or organization in its work with the Department;

(6) Furnishing records to state, local and foreign governments, public international organizations, and Indian tribes, when to do so without charge is an appropriate courtesy, or when the recipient is carrying on a function related to that of the Department and to do so will help to accomplish the work of the Department;

(7) Furnishing a record when to do so saves costs and yields income equal to the direct cost of providing the records (e.g., where the Department's fee for the service would be included in a billing against the Department);

(8) Furnishing records when to do so is in conformance with generally established business custom (e.g., furnishing personal reference data to prospective employers of former Department employees);

(9) Furnishing one copy of a record in order to assist the requester to obtain financial benefits to which he or she is entitled (e.g., veterans or their dependents, employees with Government employee compensation claims or persons insured by the Government).

§ 2.22 Special rules governing certain information concerning coal obtained under the Mineral Leasing Act.

(a) *Definitions.* As used in the section:

(1) *Act* means the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended by the Act of August 4, 1976, Pub. L. 94-377, 90 Stat. 1083 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351 *et seq.*)

(2) *Exploration license* means a license issued by the Secretary of the Interior to conduct coal exploration operations on land subject to the Act pursuant to the authority in section 2(b) of the Act, as amended (30 U.S.C. 201(b)).

(3) *Fair-market value of coal to be leased* means the minimum amount of a bid the Secretary has determined he is willing to accept in leasing coal within leasing tracts offered in general lease sales or reserved and offered for lease to public bodies, including Federal agencies, rural electric cooperatives, or non-profit corporations, controlled by any of such entities pursuant to section 2(a) of the Act (30 U.S.C. 201(a)(1)).

(4) *Information* means data, statistics, samples and other facts, whether analyzed or processed or not, pertaining to Federal coal resources, which fit within an exemption to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

(b) *Applicability.* This section applies to the following categories of information:

(1) *Category A.* Information provided to or obtained by a bureau under section 2(b)(3) of the Act from the holder of an exploration license;

(2) *Category B.* Information acquired from commercial or other sources under service contract with Geological Survey pursuant to section 8A(b) of the Act, and information developed by the Geological Survey under an exploratory program authorized by section 8A of the Act;

(3) *Category C.* Information obtained from commercial sources which the commercial source acquired while not under contract with the United States Government;

(4) *Category D.* Information provided to the Secretary by a federal department or agency pursuant to section 8A(e) of the Act; and

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(5) *Category E.* The fair-market value of coal to be leased and comments received by the Secretary with respect to such value.

(c) *Availability of information.* Information obtained by the Department from various sources will be made available to the public as follows:

(1) *Category A—Information.* Category A information shall not be disclosed to the public until after the areas to which the information pertains have been leased by the Department, or until the Secretary determines that release of the information to the public would not damage the competitive position of the holder of the exploration license, whichever comes first.

(2) *Category B—Information.* Category B information shall not be withheld from the public; it will be made available by means of and at the time of open filing or publication by Geological Survey.

(3) *Category C—Information.* Category C information shall not be made available to the public until after the areas to which the information pertains have been leased by the Department.

(4) *Category D—Information.* Category D information shall be made available to the public under the terms and conditions to which, at the time he or she acquired it, the head of the department or agency from whom the Secretary later obtained the information agreed.

(5) *Category E—Information.* Category E information shall not be made public until the lands to which the information pertains have been leased, or until the Secretary has determined that its release prior to the issuance of a lease is in the public interest.

Subpart C—Declassification of Classified Documents

§ 2.41 Declassification of classified documents.

(a) *Request for classification review.* (1) Requests for a classification review of a document of the Department of the Interior pursuant to section 5(c) of Executive Order 11652 (37 FR 5209, March 10, 1972) and section III B of the National Security Council Directive Governing Classification, Downgrading, Declassification and Safeguarding of National Security Information (37 FR

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10053, May 1972) shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by this section.

(2) Any person desiring a classification review of a document of the Department of the Interior containing information classified as National Security Information by reason of the provisions of Executive Order 12065 (or any predecessor executive order) and which is more than 10 years old, should address such request to the Chief, Division of Enforcement and Security Management, Office of Administrative Services, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

(3) Requests need not be made on any special form, but shall, as specified in the executive order, describe the document with sufficient particularity to enable identification of the document requested with expenditure of no more than a reasonable amount of effort.

(4) Charges for locating and reproducing copies of records will be made when deemed applicable in accordance with appendix A to this part and the requester will be notified.

(b) *Action on requests for classification review.* (1) The Chief, Division of Enforcement and Security Management, shall, unless the request is for a document over 30 years old, assign the request to the bureau having custody of the requested records for action. In the case of requests for declassification of records in the custody of the Office of the Secretary and less than 30 years old, the request shall be processed by the Chief, Division of Enforcement and Security Management. Requests for declassification of documents over 30 years shall be referred directly to the Archivist of the United States. The bureau which has been assigned the request, or the Chief, Division of Enforcement and Security Management, in the case of requests assigned to him, shall immediately acknowledge the request in writing. Every effort will be made to complete action on each request within thirty (30) days of its receipt. If action cannot be completed within thirty (30) days, the requester shall be so advised.

(2) If the requester does not receive a decision on his request within sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of his request, or from the date of his most recent response to a request for more